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RE: Application Control Number 10/015,087

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**GROUP 3600**

Applicant: Leonard Duffy

Title: Improved Slidingly Engageable Fasteners and Method

Dear Mr. Brittain:

As per your request dated Jan. 21, 2004, the following is intended to explain "how new claims 48-55 are patentable over the applied references especially with respect to new method claim 48". Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

**Regarding New Claim 48:**

**"48. (new) A method of fastening two portions comprising:**

**Providing a first portion that includes:**

**a first base, and**

**a first plurality of first islands each having at least one undercut surface spaced from said first base;**

**Providing a second portion that includes:**

**a fenestrated base with a plurality of fenestrations, and**

**a second plurality of islands, each said island having at least one undercut surface spaced from said base opposite at least part of ones of said fenestrations so as to define a plurality of generally tapered apertures between adjacent pairs of said second islands;**